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Announcement of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Hearing Aid Compatibility Standards

CG Docket Nos. 12-32 and 13-46
WT Docket Nos. 07-250 and 10-254

Comment Deadline: February 26, 2016
Reply Comment Deadline: March 28, 2016

On October 30, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)¹ in the above-referenced proceedings to update the hearing aid compatibility (HAC) standards, make the wireline HAC rules applicable to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), adopt a wireless handset volume control rule, and streamline HAC standards-setting while providing for consumer input into those standards. A summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2015.² The Commission established the comment deadline to be 60 days after publication in the Federal Register and the reply comment deadline to be 90 days after publication in the Federal Register. Accordingly, comments responding to the NPRM must be filed on or before February 26, 2016, and reply comments must be filed on or before March 28, 2016.³

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¹ *Access to Telecommunications Equipment and Services by Persons with Disabilities; Petition for Rulemaking Filed by the Telecommunication Industry Association Regarding Hearing Aid Compatibility Volume Control Requirements; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets; Comment Sought on 2010 Review of Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations*, CG Docket Nos. 12-32 & 13-46, WT Docket Nos. 07-250 & 10-254, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 12219 (2015). The NPRM is also available on the Commission's website at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-144A1.docx in Word or as a PDF file at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-144A1.pdf.

² 80 Fed. Reg. 80722 (December 28, 2015).

³ Because 90 days after publication in the Federal Register falls on March 27, 2016, which is a Sunday, the deadline for filing reply comments is automatically extended to March 28, 2016. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j).